

March 19, 2007

The Common Council met as the Water Utility Board on the above date at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Knowles presiding and members Askren, Tucker, and Curtis attending. Board members Rueger and Cooper were not present. Others attending were Supt. Gray; Chief Beloit; Acting Fire Chief Reese; Comm. Epison; Attorney Funkhouser; Megan Stock – Moore & Associates, Inc.; Ed Adams; Larry Williams; and arriving during the meeting, Supt. Givens; and Asst. Fire Chief Harms.

Mayor Knowles called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. She added if not, she entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Board member Curtis moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Board member Askren.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles reminded the Audience that anyone wishing to address the Board should approach the podium and state their name and the nature of their business.

Mayor Knowles requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Askren moved the claims presented be allowed for payment.

Mayor Knowles asked if there was a second ?

Board member Tucker stated he would like to hold on one, for Chris Janak at Bose McKinney, and speak with Attorney Higgins before they decide on payment.

Mayor Knowles stated that claim should have actually been paid entirely by Sewer, not half Water and half Sewer.

Board member Tucker said, with that in mind, he will second the motion to pay the claims.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

\*\*\*\*\*CLAIMS\*\*\*\*\*

Mayor Knowles stated they will now hear the report of the Water Superintendent.

Supt. Gray reported the new meter replacement project was to begin on April 1<sup>st</sup>, but due to the Easter Holiday, they will not begin until April 10<sup>th</sup>. He continued by stating April 16-18, 2007, there is a conference being held in Columbus where he would be able to get his CEU's. He added he would like permission to attend, use the city vehicle, the city credit card, and take two employees. He also stated he will once again enter the water in a Best Tasting Water contest, which they had one some years earlier.

Board member Askren moved permission be given. Seconded by Board member Curtis.

Mayor Knowles asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Supt. Gray continued his report by stating Megan Stock is present from MAI concerning the filter replacement project. He stated the city is short some on financing and MAI would like permission to begin work on the sub-grade, they do have money for that. He added Ms. Stock would be happy to answer any questions the Board may have.

Mayor Knowles stated the Water Utility Board had early voted to go forward with this project.

Board member Curtis agreed the Board had already given approval to go forward and he feels they should get started as soon as they can. He then moved permission to proceed be given. Seconded by Board member Askren.

Mayor Knowles asked if there was any discussion.

Supt. Givens arrived at the meeting.

There was none.

Mayor Knowles requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with the Board voting as follows:

Askren – yes; Tucker – yes; Rueger – absent;

Curtis – yes; Cooper – absent.

Mayor Knowles stated the motion carried.

Ms. Stock left the meeting.

Mayor Knowles then asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Knowles asked about the Financial Report.

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe stated Supt. Gray mentioned it was done around 3:45 today and will be available at the next meeting.

Mayor Knowles asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Board ?

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe replied not at this time.

Mayor Knowles stated on the Legal portion of the Agenda is permission for the Water Utility to pay half on a new computer system for the GIS Analyst. She added the Board of Works has already approved the Sewer portion. She stated Mr. Andrews needs a system that is heavy in RAM, due to all the mapping, etc. that it needs to hold. She stated the total should be around \$1500.00 from each utility.

Board member Curtis agreed that kind of information does require a computer with more RAM, but added in this case, that is what it is going to have to be.

Mayor Knowles stated the computer will be built, Mr. Andrews feels that may be the cheaper way to go.

Board member Askren stated it looks like the cost will be \$1,027.00 from each utility.

Asst. Fire Chief Harms arrived at the meeting.

Board consented to the purchase.

Mayor Knowles asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Board ?  
There was no response.

Mayor Knowles asked if there was any Old Business ?  
There was none.

Mayor Knowles asked if there was any New Business ?  
There was none.

Mayor Knowles stated if there was no further business, she entertains a motion to adjourn.

Board member Askren moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Curtis.

Mayor Knowles stated al those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

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Rosemary L. Knowles  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cristi L. Wolfe  
Clerk-Treasurer

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The Common Council met immediately following the Water Utility Board on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Knowles presiding and members Askren, Tucker, and Curtis attending. Board members Rueger and Cooper were not present. Others attending were Supt. Gray; Chief Beloat; Acting Fire Chief Reese; Comm. Epison; Attorney Funkhouser; Ed Adams; Larry Williams; Supt. Givens; and Asst. Fire Chief Harms.

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Councilwoman Askren moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Councilman Curtis.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles stated they will now hear the reports of the Standing Committees.

Street & Light Chairman Rueger was not present.

Comm. Epison stated he has no report.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Police & Dog Chairman Curtis stated he has no report.

Chief Belloat stated he has no report.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Fire Chairwoman Askren stated she has no report.

Acting Fire Chief Reese stated he has no report.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Sewer Chairman Tucker stated he has no report.

Supt. Givens stated, the Council may not be aware, but the Sewer Department every year has to public notice on their CSO's, and the city has four of them. He stated a few years ago, he capped one of the CSO's off, but the state never recognized that. He added the state has finally advised the Democrat that in 30 days that CSO will be removed from the city's permit. He concluded is report by stating the department has been working on Mill Creek.

Councilman Tucker asked if they are working on a permanent fix or a temporary fix ?

Supt. Givens replied a temporary fix.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Knowles stated they have the Financial Report before them and any questions could be directed to Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe.

Mayor Knowles asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Council ?

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe replied not at this time.

Mayor knows stated the first item on the Legal portion of the Agenda is the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the proposed Ordinance of Additional Appropriations in the COIT Fund. She stated Council has already passed the 1<sup>st</sup> reading, and this is actually an amended version, with a different amount. She stated the amount listed only covered on month of expenditures, whereas the amended version lists the amount for the entire year.

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe added though it has already been published once, it will need to be done again to reflect the new amount.

Councilwoman Askren moved the amendment be passed, but put 2<sup>nd</sup> reading off until the next meeting. Seconded by Councilman Curtis.

Mayor Knowles asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Knowles requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Askren – yes; Tucker – yes; Rueger – absent;

Curtis – yes; Cooper – absent.

Mayor Knowles stated the motion carried.

Mayor Knowles stated the next item for consideration is the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the proposed Ordinance Creating an Economic Development Commission Bond Fee Fund of the City of Mt. Vernon, Indiana.

Councilman Curtis moved the ordinance pass 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Seconded by Councilwoman Askren.

Mayor Knowles asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Knowles requested a roll call vote.

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Councilman Tucker stated he has been approached by employees of Expressway Jeep Dodge Chrysler concerning the traffic at 3<sup>rd</sup> and College. He stated they were wondering if a 4-way STOP could possibly be put up there. He then stated he did not see a problem with it.

Comm. Epison approached the podium and stated the Council should keep in mind that most changes like this take time for people to get used to, and he is afraid it might cause more accidents, though he would have no problem installing the sign should they decide to proceed.

Councilman Curtis stated he does not want to cause traffic to back up there, but there is a sight problem at that intersection.

Councilwoman Askren stated they should wait until the next meeting, after the public has had a chance to hear about this, and see if they get any feedback.

Council tabled any further action.

Councilman Tucker stated he has also received numerous complaints on the light at 4<sup>th</sup> and Tile Factory Road, he wondered if the timing of the light had changed ?

Mayor Knowles replied INDOT is trying to adjust the traffic flows to let more traffic through that could be the problem. She added they are looking into the possibility of having three lanes of traffic from Arby's to Kimball and installing sidewalks, though that is a long process.

Councilman Curtis stated he drives that way every morning and he agrees the southbound green light is shorter than it used to be.

Mayor Knowles asked if there was anything further under New Business ?

There was nothing.

Mayor Knowles reported the website, [www.mountvernon.in.gov](http://www.mountvernon.in.gov) has had 1158 and 1147 respectively, the last two months. She added hits are way up and she continues to get positive feedback about the site. She then stated they will now hear the reports of the Districts.

1<sup>st</sup> District Councilwoman Askren stated she has no report.

2<sup>nd</sup> District Councilman Tucker stated he has no report.

3<sup>rd</sup> District Councilman Rueger was absent.

4<sup>th</sup> District Councilman Curtis stated he has no report.

Councilman-at-Large Cooper was not present.

Mayor Knowles stated if there was no further business, she entertains a motion to adjourn.

Councilwoman Askren moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Councilman Tucker.

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